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The new billiard hall of Messrs. Fagan & Barber, over the House of David, 162 Clark street, is the finest in the city. Visit it.
A new furnishing goods department has been added to Shyne's, State street store.

HE WANTED BLOOD

Sanguinary Dish Set Before Chauncey M. Depew in Paris.

When Chauncey M. Depew was last in Paris he was taken to visit some of the places made famous by the Revolution. He stood upon the site of the Bastille and recalled the exciting scenes connected with the fall of that prison. He visited the Place de la Republique and called to mind the rhythmic swish-swash of the guillotine as it sliced off heads with expedition and dispatch. He saw the place where bleeding bodies were thrown in heaps during the Reign of Terror, and he thought of pen-green Robespierre, Marat and Mirabeau.

Then, thoroughly saturated with the spirit of the Revolution, Mr. Depew visited a restaurant that is famous in the annals of the time. Sitting at a table where the proceedings of the Jacobin Club had been daily discussed, Mr. Depew prepared to eat. He was excited by what he had seen.

"What will Monsieur have?" said a waiter.

"Give me blood!" said Mr. Depew. "I want blood!"

The waiter withdrew, and shortly afterwards a sanguinary scene was witnessed in the room where Mr. Depew was seated. A huge metal compress resembling the guillotine was brought in, together with a duck hot from the oven. Into the guillotine the duck was forced. Then three waiters took a canvas-back duck, the top, and as they began to turn it the crunching of bones could be heard. The duck was squeezed relentlessly, and from a point in the bottom of the machine a thick, warm stream of steaming blood spurted into a basin. This, with the jelly into which the duck had been squeezed, was served up for the delectation of Mr. Depew, and looking out upon the scenes of the Reign of Terror, he enjoyed the meal.

There is such a machine in this city, and it is frequently used to enhance the relish of a canvas-back duck. It is in the restaurant of the Hotel Martin, on University Place. It is all silver-plated, and when not in use it stands on one of the windowsills, where it looks like a letter-press such as is used in every office.

It takes three powerful waiters to work this guillotine, and when you are hungry, it is a pleasure to watch the process. After the breast has been removed from the canvas-back the carcass is put into the machine and then the squeezing process begins.

Skeletons and bones, with the flesh that remains, are crushed to a jelly, and the essence and rich savory juices of the bird are extracted in the form of a gravy which runs out at the bottom and falls into a cup. This is then poured over the slices of breast. The custom is a French one, and it adds to the piquancy of a dinner and to the satisfaction of the gourmet.

How to Catch Mocking Birds.

"A word about how I catch birds," says a Texas trapper of mocking birds in the Washington Star. "Of course, the first thing to do is to provide myself with suitable traps. I have found by experience that the double-deck trap is by far the best. I usually employ three assistants, and we start in different directions at 3 o'clock in the morning. After locating the bird section the traps are set, with a decoy bird of some other species, preferably a cardinal, in the interior of the cage. It is here that the pugnacity of the mocking bird asserts itself and gets him into trouble, for as soon as he sees this other bird he goes for him, and the minute he lights upon the convenient perch set for him the drop is sprung and the wings come together simultaneously, and he is a captive. At night there is a round-up, so to speak, and the birds are placed in a large room, which is carefully protected from varmints. About a year ago I had about twenty-five fine mocking birds killed by a snake, and since that time we have been very cautious. When the mating season comes on and the females commence to mingle with the males our work is over, and preparations are immediately begun for transporting the birds. Large cages, with ample food and water at convenient places along the route, are provided and sent by express. Of course the expressage cuts a large figure in the expense account, but we manage to pull out with a little money on the good side of the balance sheet."

To Obtain Pure Serum.

A philanthropic citizen has recently placed \$30,000 at the disposal of the Health Department of New York City for the purpose of providing an adequate supply of pure anti-toxine serum. In view of the large death rate from diphtheria in New York at the present day this provision is of the greatest importance. The serum is at present very costly, but it is hoped that in time it may be put upon the market to be sold as cheaply as vaccine virus.

In a report made recently to the Board of Health by Dr. Cyrus Edson, it was stated that several spurious concoctions of anti-toxine serum have been placed on the American market. And it was urged that the grave consequences following such fraud necessitated the prompt and vigorous action of the health department. Acting upon this advice it was resolved that measures should be taken to supervise the sale of this valuable remedial agent by a scientific and thoroughly systematic inspection of all preparations. The detection of such fraud will lead to the trial and severe punishment of the offenders. The preparations occasionally furnished from Germany have specific guarantees as to their strength and purity by reliable scientists. It is to be hoped that some similar provision may be made to guarantee the use of pure serum in America.

CHIVALROUS.

As a Knox County man and his wife were passing the schoolhouse, a flying snowball hit the wife of his bosom. He was enraged, and justly, and, turning to the schoolboys, shaking his fist in anger, he cried: "It's lucky for you, you young rascals, that you didn't hit me!"